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SUBJECT: FRANCE/IAEA/ROK TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT

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- 1. MISSION HAS OBTAINED FROM AGENCY COPY OF DRAFT TEXT OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT (TRANSMITTED SEPTEL) WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE SUBMITTED TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AT ITS SEPTEMBER SESSIONS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO OUR AGENCY SOURCE, FRENCH HAVE INFORMED AGENCY THAT EURATOM GAVE ITS CONSENT TO AGREEMENT THIS WEEK AND FRENCH ARE THUS READY TO HAVE AGREEMENT CONSIDERED AT SEPTEMBER BG SESSIONS. AGENCY IS AWAITING CONFIRMATION FROM ROK, WHICH IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

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3. THIS AGREEMENT IS SIGNIFICANT, IN THAT IT IS FIRST TIME THAT "TECHNOLOGY," I.E., "SPECIFIED INFORMATION,"

IS COVERED IN AN AGENCY SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. KEY SECTIONS IN THIS RESPECT IN TEXT ARE: SECTION 1(F), 2(B) AND 2(C), 6(C), 7(2), AND 30. LATTER SECTION IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT, SINCE IT PROVIDES FOR AUTOMATIC REINSTATEMENT OF AGREEMENT IF, AFTER HAVING TERMINATED SAFEGUARDS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, ROK DECIDES TO CONSTRUCT NUCLEAR FACILITY BASED ON OR BY THE USE OF "SPECIFIED INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY FRANCE."

- 4. UNDERTAKING IS ALSO EXPLICIT AND, FROM OUR STANDPOINT, SATISFACTORY, I.E., "...ITEMS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR TO FURTHER ANY OTHER MILITARY PURPOSE OR FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF ANY OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE."
- 5. ON BASIS OUR PRELIMINARY STUDY, MISSION BELIEVES THIS AGREEMENT IS SOUND AND THAT WE CAN SUPPORT IT. ALSO BELIEVE IT CONTAINS PROVISIONS WHICH ARE SIGNIFICANT FROM STANDPOINT OF DESIRABLE PRECEDENTS.
- 6. MISSION BELIEVES IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT FRENCH HAVE (AS WE UNDERSTAND IT): (A) INSISTED ON GOING AHEAD WITH THIS AGREEMENT DESPITE ROK RATIFICATION OF NPT; (B) TAKEN GREAT CARE TO ELIMINATE ANY AMBIGUITIES IN UNDERTAKING SO AS TO ENSURE THAT MANUFACTURE OF PNE'S IS PRECLUDED; (C) URGED INCLUSION OF RATHER FAR-REACHING SECTION 30; AND (D) WERE RECEPTIVE OF AGENCY'S PROPOSAL (WHICH WAS CONCOCTED WITH OUR HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT) TO HANDLE THE OUESTION OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, I.E., BY PUTTING CONTINUING OBLIGATION ON FRANCE SPECIFICALLY TO DESIGATE WHAT IS "SPECIFIED INFORMATION." WHILE FRENCH ARE PROBABLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE THIS AGREEMENT TO SERVE AS PRECEDENT FOR POSSIBLE DEAL WITH PAKISTAN OR OTHER CASES, WE THINK WE DETECT A HINT, HOWEVER SMALL, THAT FRANCE MAY ALSO HAVE STARTED TO TAKE A MORE FAVORABLE POSITION TOWARD THE VALUE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS. WE MAY HAVE MORE CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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